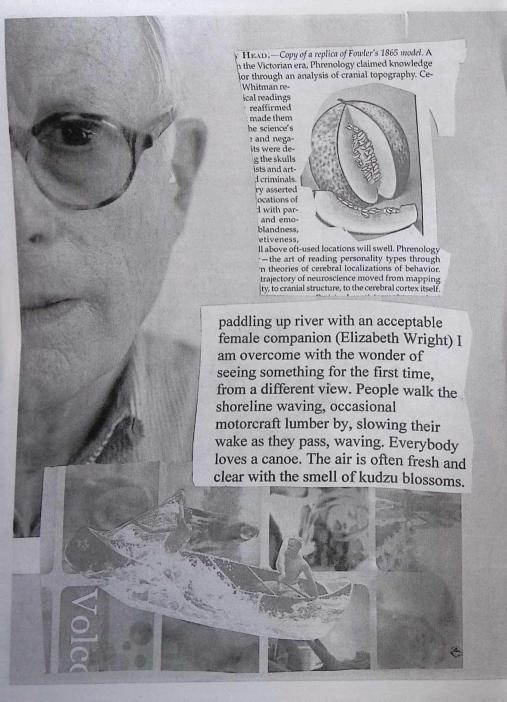




Camps, Scout Trips, and my own Grand Portage into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Minnesota.

Forks of the River are so named because of the confluence of the Holston and French Broad Rivers. Forming the headwaters of the Little Tennessee River, this is farmland. Rolling hills and wide open fields perfect for livestock and simple farming. Now this land is something different. The Cow pastures are barren, an asphalt plant and industrial rock quarry have marred the landscape the fragrances of industry can be likened to a smoking fecal sandwich, forced to eat in gulps and gasps. The water is dirty and impenetrable; flotsam and trash clutter the viscous landscape. That said,





Aunty Genoa Keawe Singer At 87, has 12 children, 38 grandchildren, more than 50 great-grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren. Has recorded more than 20 albums. Started playing the ukulele at age 7. Never surfed. Has been singing at the Walkiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa for 20 years. Favorite song: "Embraceable You."





Frank and Doris Chadima From Pittsburgh: five in Oahu four months a year. Married 42 years. Sunbatha at Waikkil and the beach where "From lere to Eternity" was filmed. "We tried the clinch," Frank says, "but Doris doesn't like sand in her iair." Like happy-hour bars; their favorite bartender talls them." the Frank and Doris Show."

the lateness of the day, paying it no serious mind we approached. What had seemed to be tree limbs were starting to appear slippery and furry/matted. Obviously they were the forepaws. The bloated log was actually an animal of some sort possibly decapitated. It's swollen/bloated drum tight stomach provided more than adequate buoyancy. Mercifully, as long as the "belly" remained intact the smell was negligible. Small favor......Elizabeth was horrified, I was amused; of course pictures were taken to be posted online.....hey checkout my new facebook profile photo.

"The bloated mass of hair and flesh bobbed and swayed in the effervescent twilight of evening time; the mute river merely a conduit for the flotsam and jetsam of both life and death. Flies, greedily clung to gain purchase in their brave new world as these humble, desiccated remains were escorted downstream to a resting place both final and complete." — Quoted from, Olde Jims Place the surprising upcoming novel by acclaimed sports columnist Carl R. Mckirby.

My canoe was purchased along the great and mighty "Worlds Longest Yardsale". The WLY is one of the seven ancient wonders of Tennessee. Indeed the Yardsale itself harkens back to the prehistoric days of Highway 127. Notice the three numbers signifying this ancient roadway. These numbers are deeply symbolic to Native American culture and Christian mysticism as well for reasons too obvious to explain in detail to you uneducated heathens. The Grande Yard Sale, as "olde tymers" call it begins in the mighty headwaters of the Ohio River and slowly snakes itself (think giant anaconda squeezing every last hard earned red cent you've earned and trading it for an "antique" wagon wheel made in China) slowly inexorably towards the Gulf of Mexico. The WLY finally ends in Mobile, Alabama. It is rumored that off shore trafficking in goods and services is one the rise. however regulation in illegal activity is nonexistent.

Bonnie Johnson Merchant seaman. Poses with parrots for tourists. Favorite movie: "Titanic." Regular churchgoer, Likes rock 'n' roll. "I'm too old to have a dream. I'm 67."





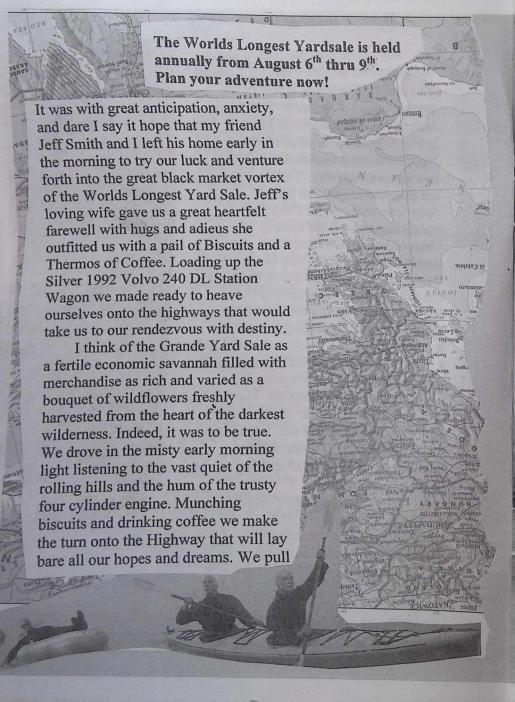
Swileen Salomon and Annette Semens Cousins and students. After school, like to cruise for boys. Don't surf. Favorite musician: the rapper T.I. Want to go to California. Annette would like to be a singer. Swileen hopes to be a model and then a barlender.

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off at every opportunity to gawk and fondle flower pots, ancient coca-cola signs, and mighty Buddha's imported from far away Indochina and Siam. The yardsale is crammed with dealers tents at every corner. The sun is up and rising the temperatures starting to soar. We stumble into one outpost, expecting prices to be low, but we are dead wrong despite the dire economic situation prices for somebody else's old photo album has more than tripled. We sigh a collective "Oh Shit". The hawker at this stand is a rolly poley character from South Carolina. "NO LOOKIE NO FINDIE" he screams and rants over and over to each passers-by. He comes complete with blue over-alls, watch chain and authentic straw-hat. Get your yard-sale action hero today, don't delay. Pull the string and here him hawk, watch him talk and try to sell you something you don't need, buy him today.

Lunch-time finds me and my boy, Jeff Smith camped out in church cemetery eating cheese/tomato sandwiches with mustard and drinking cold beers. Beers so cold they got mule bumps on'em. Hell yeah this is living we exclaim with mutual pride. Ice-



cream truck music is playing and a heavily festooned, decorated van comes crawling by. A four-wheeler loaded down with unhelmeted seven-year olds goes whizzing by giving chase to Ice-Cream man in his van. I cringe at the image of those little bodies flying off in all directions over the handle bars......constant visions of carnage and dismemberment follow me like a plague of biblical locusts. I'm a nurse and a paranoid one at that. God forbid I ever have children myself.

The Cemetery is one of those old ones with the big shade trees; Mighty Oaks who grow tall and twisted with plenty of room for their thick corpulent limbs to stretch out and grab the wind and rain. Never has there been a better place for an easy sack lunch and cold drink. It's with a weary eye we leave this most favored of rest-stops, but the road goes ever on. Like Pilgrims of old we, the devout rejoin our comrades on the Golden Trail of Commerce. We head due South, towards Dunlap, towards the land of promise. Hot and dusty we sift through stacks of postcards, photos, and stacks of old books, dutch ovens, and Coca-Cola signs. Jeff buys a large metal Honey

Bee separator thing. Ostensibly, its for his father, but his dad's already got one. He doesn't use the other one but maybe he'll use this one. I can't argue with that logic. Jeff comes from four generations of Bee-Keepers. A proud and worthy tradition. Keeping bee's has been going on since the founding of Agriculture. Hives are spoken of in ancient texts of Mesopotamia and Greece. Indeed, prehistoric cave paintings in the heart of the Iberian Peninsula depict men harvesting honey from bee trees. Early hives were simply made of woven grasses and mud. In my mind, the rearing of bees is a great milestone of civilization. Much has changed, much has stayed the same.

I'm still looking for my canoe, seen a few, but they're all plastic I want an aluminum canoe. Preferably a Grumman, in my mind nothing can really beat a Grumman canoe. I learned this bit o' wisdom first hand in the Great Boundary Waters Canoe Area. As a canoe guide in the summer of 1999 I learned to ply the massive lake region with ten or so scouts in tow. It was an amazing and humbling experience which I will gladly bore you to tears with stories.

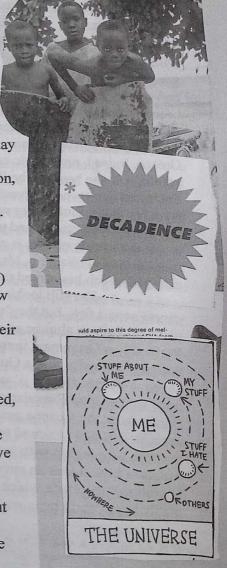


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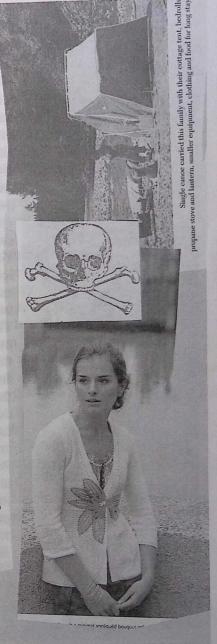
TOO BIG TO FAIL

For example, once in The Great Boundary Waters Canoe we started early and paddled usually till around six in the evening with only a short lunch break. This July Fourth was a day that will forever be burned into my consciousness (think cows and hot iron, branding that is). It started hot/humid which is rare in that part of the world. Me and Doc were in the lead canoes. Followed by Colgan, Peewee, Chris, and faceless others; except for Davis. Davis was riding bitch (in the middle) because he had a bad wrist. You know how in every group activity there always one person that never pulls their weight, is always complaining about something, always being a pain in everyone's collective ass. Davis was that guy. Entire advanced, complicated. thought provoking sociological experiments have been done to figure out why this happens. They don't have a cure yet, but I won't lose hope. So we're paddling across Bass Wood Lake, our trip is nearly done, been out on the trail for about nine days or so. It's been one of the best groups, these kids are real workers and the adult

leaders suit me fine. I can smell the rain



coming and big purple bruise clouds are darkening the sky. The air is dead calm for the moment and then I see a huge bolt of lightening strike the lake in the distance. Before you can think it happens again. I turn around Doc is blowing his whistle hastily looking at maps we locate a campsite close by and make towards the shore. Quickly we pitch a tarp and hunker down to wait out the deluge. Rain comes in sheets and torrents. Safely inside our impromptu shelter we survey the scene. Small branches rain down, Peewee and Colgon are busy looking in their Scout Handbook. What chapter does this situation fall under. The chapter entitled "Sudden Death" I reply with deadpan honesty. Small trees are starting to fall as wind blows harder and faster than anything I've ever seen. Limbs are hitting the roof of the tarp and we have to shout for anyone to be heard. It's a stunning sight, sheets of rain blowing practically side ways, bigger trees are starting to fall now, now I start to notice the tree our tarps lashed to is starting to get a bit closer to my head. It takes me a minute to figure out what's happening. Realizing were about to be crushed I panic and scream





Eventually, we get back to paddling, heading towards Prairie Portage. It's on the Canadian side of things. A favorite trick to play on our scout-customers is to tell them there is great ice-cream for sale at prairie portage, building it up over the course of several days to include candy-bars and Mountain Dew. After a week or so of this they're pretty ravenous to get there. Arriving the kids are sometimes wild with anticipation. Then they want to kill me, like really kill me.

Dunlap, Tennessee is chock full o' cars, vehicles, horses, motorcycles, and other conveyances too numerous to mention. We wind our way through a tangle of side streets lined with late style Victorians, and Brick farm houses. The heat of the day has settled into our bones. Tree pollen and road dust lay upon my Volvo like a thick winter blanket. I take a pull on a coldcold Sun-Drop to quench the thirst that grips me like a pair of channel-locks holding an overripe fruit. Main Street is lined with vendors selling everything from architectural salvage to beanie babies. It's a veritable smorgasbord of forgotten treasures and uselessness. A lot of the sellers have a tired



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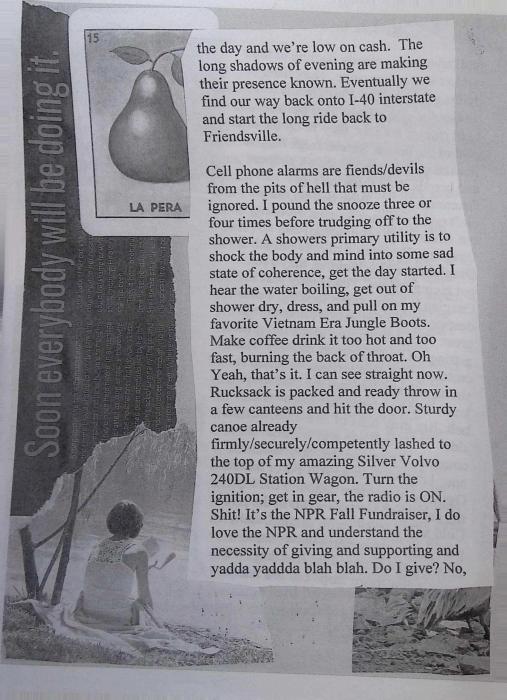
Upon the road, we follow the asphalt as it snakes and winds its way out of town and into more remote areas. We have been running the Sequatchie Valley and more picturesque pastoral scenes are rarely witnessed. Green fields doted with tree-filled hedge rows ride up to the ridges on either side of us. The valley is a narrow swath of fertility that furrows between the Cumberland Plateau to the West and Walden Ridge to the East. Soon blistered by the heat and yearning for relief. We come upon the Sequatchie River; which is home to one of the best loved and ornery businesses in the land. "Canoe the Sequatchie" is run by an old Vietnam Vet and his wife, who look the same, talk the same and drive the same hard bargains. They've been in the canoe business for many years

and have seen a steady decline in their market share ever since. They hang on by their fingernails. You got any canoes for sale mister. You bet your ass I got canoes for sale, they're up the hill behind the house. Sure enough they're stacked up like cord wood all shapes and brands. You think he's got Grumman......Why hell no, their ain't no Grummans in here. Nothing but Alumacraft (alumacrap) and Osagians. Hey wait a minute those Osagians are nice looking, they even got racing stripes. Yeah Garry that Osagian is pretty sharp looking. I mean despite all the fire ants it looks pretty great. We walk around in the tall grass, getting bit by all manner of bugs. The crotchety old man arrives, wearing shorts and sandals, got the pale knobby knees and a paunch lapping over his belt. Big gray tufts of hair stick out the sides of his ball cap and nostrils. We commence negotiations and about an hour later we lash an Ant Farm Infested Osagian Aluminum canoe to the top of my car. Then we take a dip in the river. Cold and wet we swim around. Cars pass us by, passengers wave, we give'em the finger. Just Kidding. We make a few more stops but it's late in



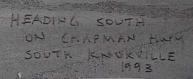


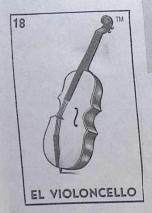




but you know what I've just guilted myself into it. Seriously. On they drone, "If you've never considered giving and we have 70, 000 ears out there, no wait that would be times two wouldn't yes, yes it would Regina.....OK so we got 140,000 ears out there. On they talk, and all I want is some of that high quality latest breaking impartial news they keep bragging about. Driving through Knoxville on my way to pick up Lily I run smack dab into the breast cancer runners. Streets are blocked, cops are everywhere, I contemplate driving down the wrong way on a one way street, cutting through a parking lot and backing down an alley to get onto Jackson Avenue. Thank the heavens calmer reasoning prevails.

Lily's sitting on the porch, she is my de facto canoe buddy. We share a common bond with the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Minnesota. For hours we sit and discuss the minutia of canoes, canoe paddles, various strokes, and all manner of issues related to canoe fandom. Anyway, up she jumps and soon were bustin' down Alcoa Highway, heading towards the Mighty Foothills Parkway. I drink my coffee







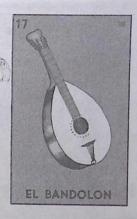


like a meth fiend and drive madly down the highway. The station wagon careens madly, weaving in and out of traffic. Lily sits calmly. We breeze through Maryville and head East on Highway 321/73 towards the GSMNP at the appropriate sign (well marked) we hit the Foothills Parkway. The sky is a desolation of heavy gray, the clouds seem heavy and immobile, wind is chill and cool. We climb into the mountains in silence. The trees, a brilliant show of vibrancy; oranges, bright ochre reds, and yellows mixed with evergreens make for a rich palate of color. Few are met on this bleaksome day. Stopping at one of the many overlooks we take in the long view Happy Valley stretched out below feeding itself into Lake Chilhowie. Mountains roll into the distant haze, visibility is more than adequate. Minutes later we're parking at a lake access point along Highway 129. Affectionately known as "The Dragon", this highway makes its way from Maryville all the way into Robbinsville, NC. This route is immensely popular with black-cladleather the open road is my salvation motor-cycle culture. Highway 129 is

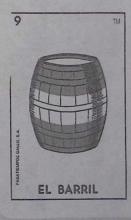
well known, much beloved, and greatly feared for its many twists and turns, some can recite their names and the exact number as some would do Bible verses. Wrecks on this stretch of asphalt are as common as colds. As far I'm concerned it's a Litany of Horror it's probably got over 300 turns in it, I get nauseous just thinking about it. Let's just say it's the only road in East Tennessee with an emergency helicopter landing pad.

We put the canoe into the water, but not before chatting up a couple from Indiana. When you've gotta canoe like mine, everybody and their granny wants to tell you a story or ask where you got it, and how much did you give for it. It's all I can do to contain my seething rage and invective. We talk about Abrams Creek and what to avoid, stay to the left we are cautioned.

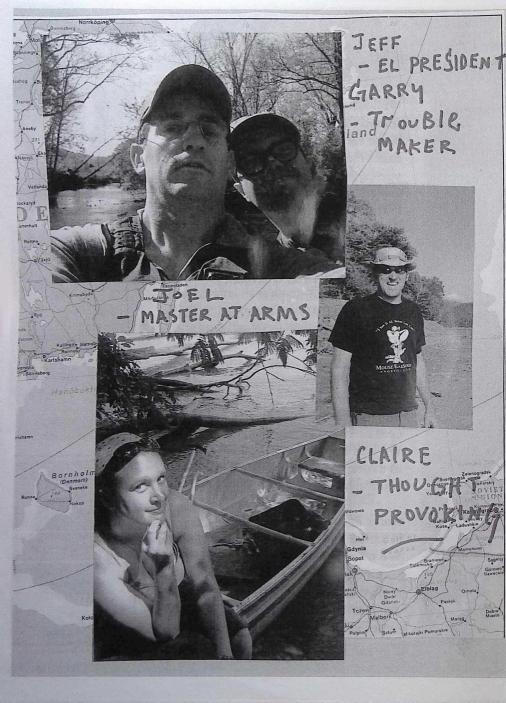
Paddling, paddling the water is rough; the canoe hits the wakes in stride. Not another boat is visible. We make steady progress, heading due south east. Passing under the bridge almost immediately the wind dissipates. We're met with ridges on either side. Sawmill ridge to the West

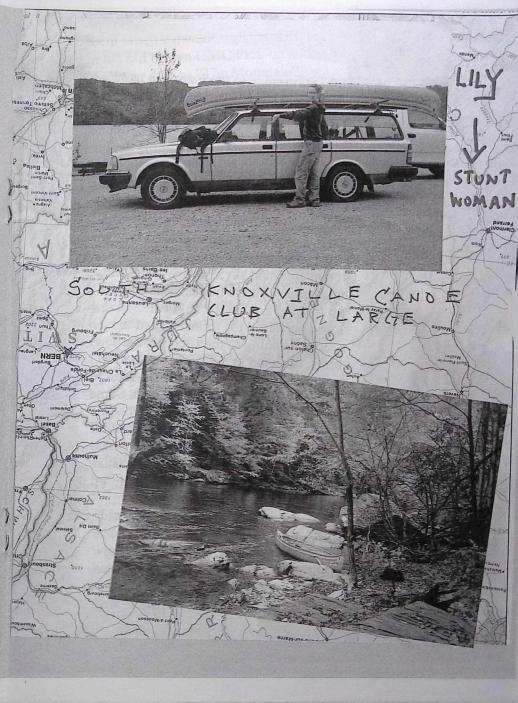
















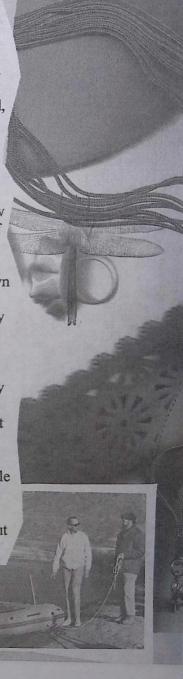
brands are losting market share as people question the values they stand for and the power they have over our lives. Now a new kind of cool is bubbling up. It's about a greener, more local, move politically charged way of living, and it starts with dumping megabrands and flowing your money into the small, indy stores and websites that are now popping up everywhere. John us in unswooshing the swoosh and creating a vibrant, new kind of capitalism that actually works.

and Tarkin ridge to the East. We paddle smooth and silently, timing the strokes to get the most out of our paddling. The person in the stern not only guides the canoes direction but seeks to time their stroke with the person sitting in the bow. This maximizes fun and efficiency. Approaching a fork in the river we veer to the left and around the bend. Complete solitude is upon us. No traffic, no congestion just the lake, mountains, and sky. I'm always overcome with the tremendous urge to go forward around the next bend. To lose yourself in the immensity of the woods listening to the silences, the birds, the wind in the trees. I enjoy getting out and seeing what's to see, you never know what you'll find. Some call it wonder lust, for me I call it a necessity. It grounds me and keeps the insanity at bay; it clears my head and puts me at ease. Being in the woods makes the hell of labor/daily grind more palatable.

I remember me and Dad would go walking in the woods. We had matching hats. Blaze orange hunting hats, the kind you can't get anymore they were styled like dress hats but they were bright orange. We'd always wear them when we went walking. Driving in his old brown GMC Pick-up taking Highway 41S to "The Mountain", actually the Cumberland Plateau, we'd sit and chew tobacco. Daddy had quit smoking, but taken up chewing instead, and me being 7 years old it was ok for me to chew tobacco, as long as we were driving down the road, and momma wasn't around. I knew better than to tell.

My father is a short fellow standing about 5"7" or so, a product of depression-era nutrition. He attired himself usually in a short-sleeved polyester jump suit, baby blue or brown depending on his mood. For the first twelve years of my life I never saw my Dad laugh. Looking back, as I'm fond of doing Dad was always mad, it was as if vehemence and sarcasm seethed and coursed through his tortured ropey limbs and body. Yeah my childhood could be a little tense at times. All that said, we did have a lot of truly great moments.

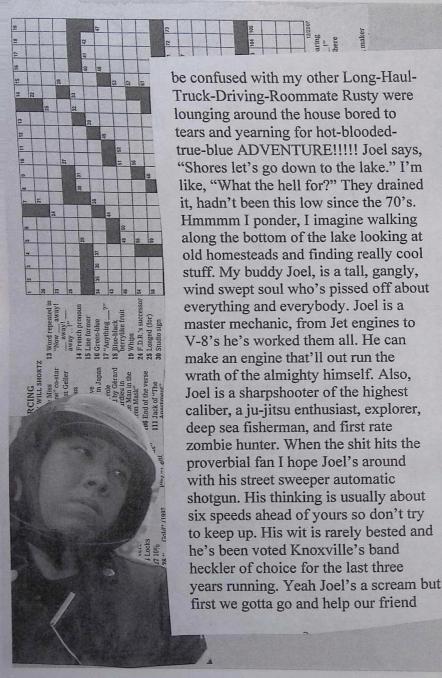
Dad always knew a couple of trails to hit and we'd go find waterfalls, sink holes, and caves dad would teach me the names of trees, but he'd get so impatient when I couldn't

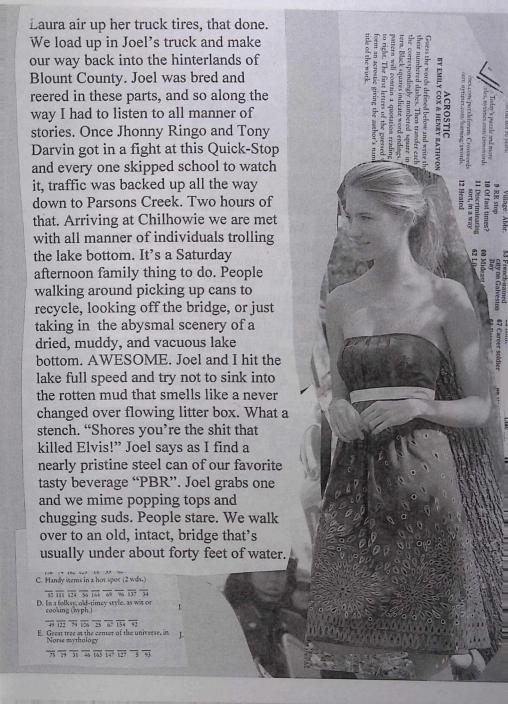


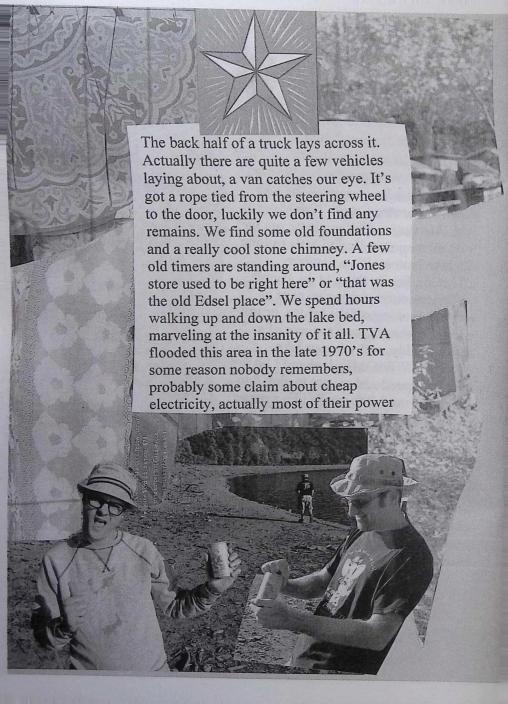
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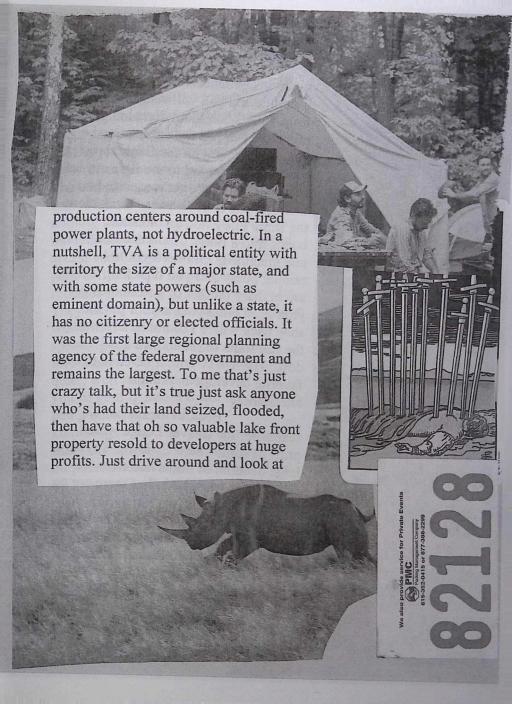
E DEVELOPERS GROUP • STRIBLING A remember every one. That man could name trees like a man possessed. Dad would scold, "Now son I just showed you a Hackberry......". Despite his best efforts we had a blast; sitting on logs eating pimento-cheese sandwiches, drinking water from cold mountain streams, listening to birds, talking about Gods creation. It's funny because every time I travel in the woods or go anywhere really I'm reminded of those trips we'd take and so maybe in a way he goes with me, which for me is really great cause Dad doesn't can't get out much anymore.

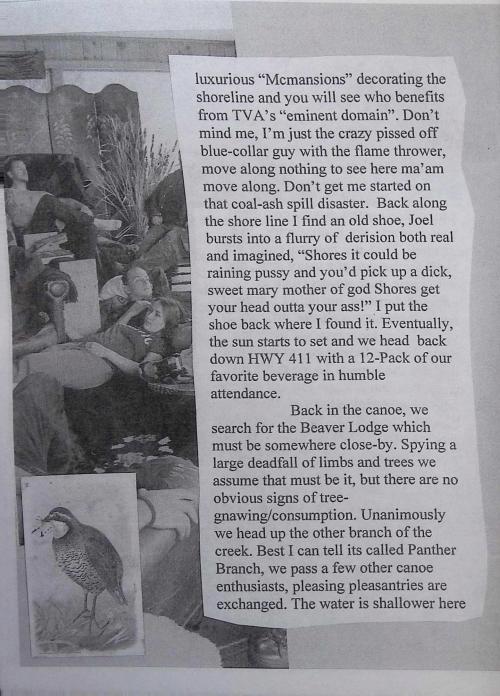
Up the Abrams creek, keeping a sharp look-out, we're marveling at the silence and the lack of wilderness activity when a Kingfisher flies in low and fast checking us out and circling us like a fighter plane. The bird is really fast. Next, I spy a critter swimming up ahead. I can make out his little head and sleek wet body. BEAVER! Oh look, look I whisper..... It's a B-E-A-V-E-R!!!! It's been a while since I've seen one of these creatures, and I'm excited. We watch it glide gracefully by. It dives. Paddling on a few moments later there's a thunderous whack as the



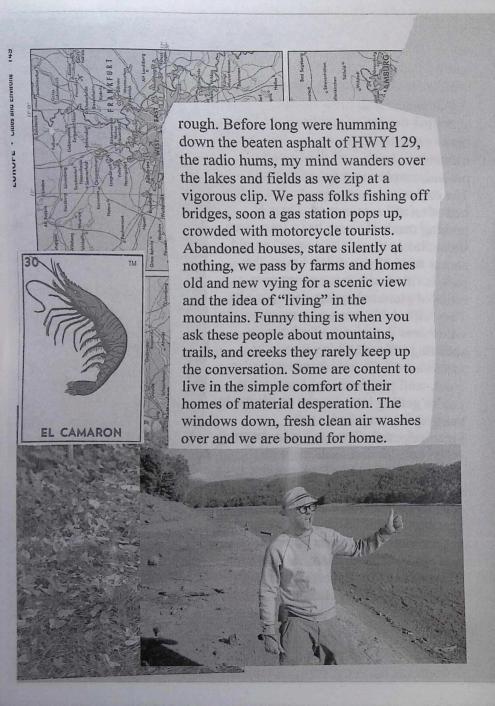


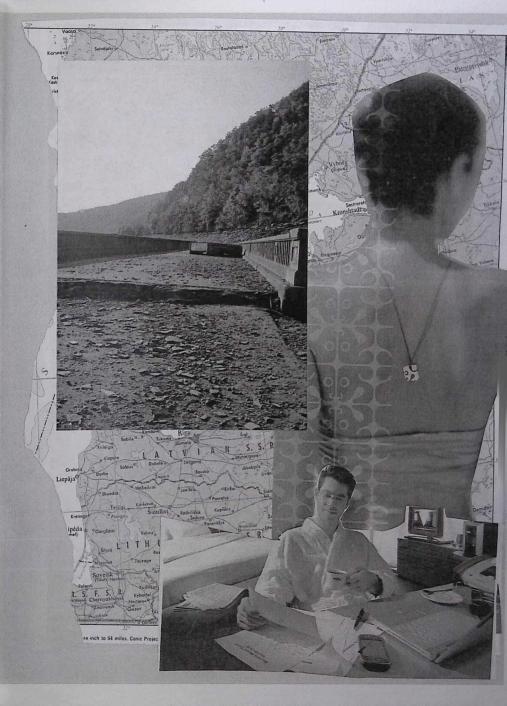


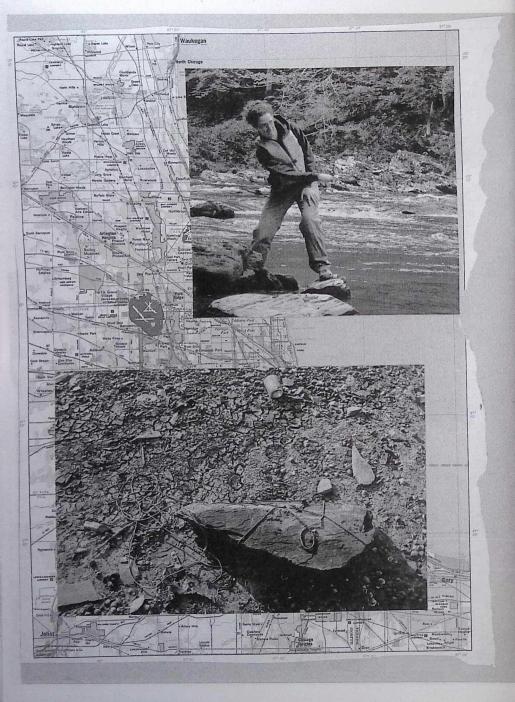


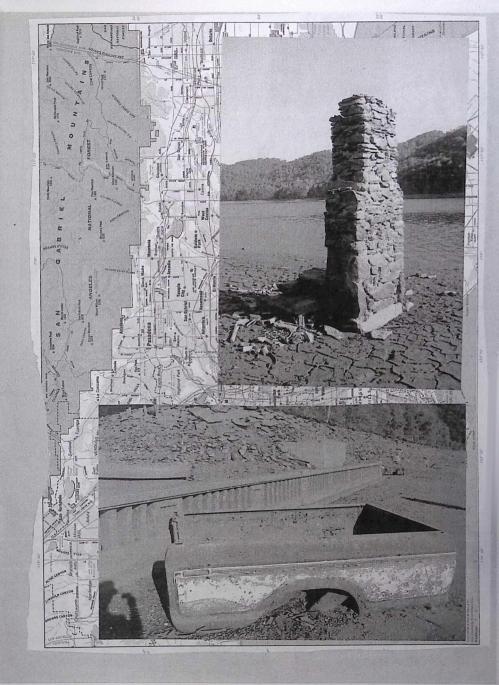












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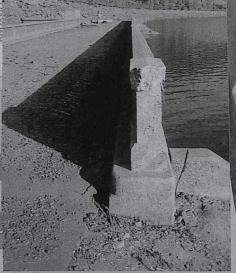
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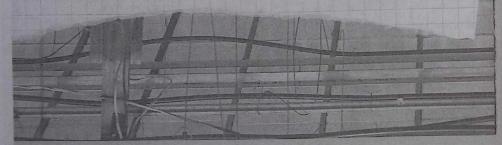
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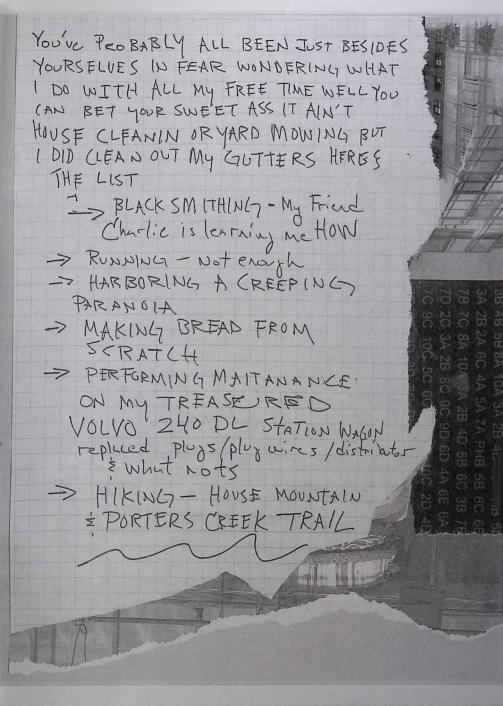
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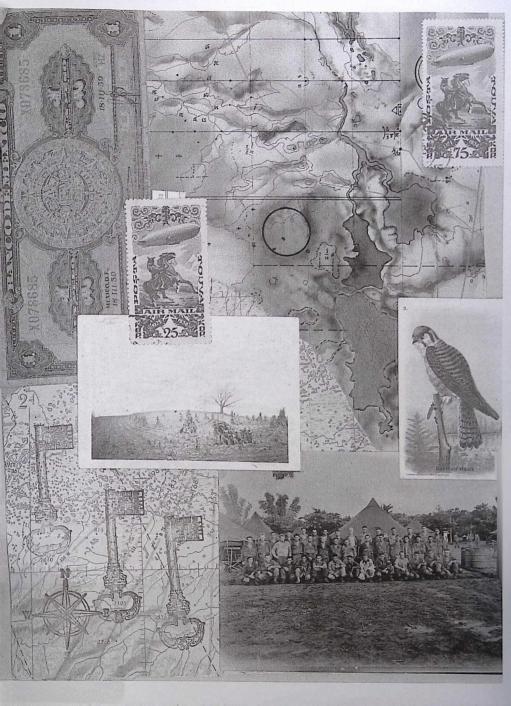
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